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### **IDOC Makes Valuable Resources Available to Parolees**

(Springfield, IL) -- The Illinois Department of Corrections is continuing its efforts to provide valuable resources to people who have recently been released from prison. More than 80 vendors have signed up to attend a Summit of Hope in Chicago this Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. It's an expo style event where parolees and probationers can meet with local employers, get leads on housing availability, get details on how to open a bank account, and more.

The Department hosted 14 Summits of Hope last year, aimed at helping men and women have a smooth transition back into the community. The objective is to reduce the recidivism rate by giving parolees and probationers access to the tools they need to live a life free of crime. A crime-free life for ex-offenders translates into safer communities for everyone.

Eight hundred parolees have been invited to attend the Thursday event, which is being held at RIIS PARK, located at 6100 W. Fullerton Avenue in Chicago.

#### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHAT:** The Summit of Hope

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**TIME:** 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Media should arrive at 9:30am.

**WHERE:** RIIS PARK, 6100 W. Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, 60639

**WHO WILL PARTICIPATE:** Safer Foundation, Healthcare Alternatives for Safer Communities, DHS, DCFS, Narcotics Anonymous, Molina Health Care of Illinois, Comptroller

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